

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 558
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Ted Hill upon being named Citizen of the Year by the *Gallatin News Examiner*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those extraordinary citizens who have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ted Hill, who was recently named Citizen of the Year by the *Gallatin News Examiner*, is clearly one such exemplary person; and

WHEREAS, a revered Gallatin physician, Dr. Hill has treated patients in Sumner County for over twenty-five years; he recently retired from Sumner Medical Group to become the medical director of a new clinic, the Salvus Center; and

WHEREAS, located in Gallatin, the Salvus Center is a private, nonprofit, faith-based organization whose mission is to provide affordable, high quality health care to the county's working uninsured residents; patients will pay on a sliding-scale basis, as little as five dollars for low-income participants; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ted Hill's decision to become involved with the Salvus Center was inspired by his personal faith and commitment to Christian ministry; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee medical School, Dr. Ted Hill always felt he was a giving physician, but he concluded last summer that to give his all as a doctor, he must close his practice; in a recent interview, Dr. Hill said, "This is a calling for me. I didn't need a job. I had a great job and plenty of patients and could have worked for the next 10 years and had no problems. I was looking to make an investment in my community and this came to mind."; and

WHEREAS, in his new role as medical director of the Salvus Center, Dr. Hill is dedicated to helping people stay healthy mentally, physically, emotionally, and relationally; Dr. Hill stresses the need to establish a relationship for ongoing care, a holistic approach to medicine rooted in the Biblical perspective of health; and

WHEREAS, he is a compassionate man devoted to providing for those in need, and taking care of people is Dr. Hill's favorite part of his job; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ted Hill epitomizes the spirit and commitment to the noble precepts of public service that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Hill for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Ted Hill upon being named Citizen of the Year by the *Gallatin News Examiner*, applaud his meritorious service to Sumner County and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.